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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kenneth B. Stokes)
Josee Morissette)
Serial No. : 09/376,317)
Filed : August 18, 1999) Group Art Unit:
For : System and Method for Genetically Treating) 1632
Cardiac Conduction Disturbance) Examiner:
Docket No. : P3569.01 Continuation) A. Beckerleg

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 111 &
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

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Applicants submit amendments and their reply to the office action mailed February 2, 2001, in reference to their application indicated above. In the mailed office action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1, 4-25, 39-54 and 61. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 in light of the amendments and remarks in this response.

Applicants include with this response a petition for a four-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorize the office to